



Personal Message from the Pen of Detroit Council President Brenda Jones

DEMANDING LAWS THAT GUARANTEE DETROIT CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

As a result of the Law Department's failure to respond to multiple requests to draft legislation as required by the Detroit City Charter, I have requested the City Council's Legislative Policy Division to draft legislation requiring the following:

- Employment Data be submitted with Contract Bids to include the number of Detroiters, Jobs Titles and steps taken to recruit and hire Detroiters.
- Amended Outreach requirements to include enhanced notification and the inclusion of employment outreach to inform Detroit residents of jobs available on City Contracts.
- Amended Definition for Detroit Based Business to include a minimum requirement for the number of Detroit residents employed with the company and equipment stored in the City of Detroit by the company & submission of a certified payroll and income tax verifications as allowed by law.
- Increase in equalization credits for both Detroit Resident Businesses and Detroit Based Businesses to ensure that companies investing in Detroit through income and property taxes while paying high insurance rates receive equitable incentives when they bid on Detroit contracts.
- Creation of the Responsible Bidder equalization credit to incentivize businesses that pay living wages & guarantee pensions, worker compensation and a pathway to career advancement through a Department of Labor Approved Apprenticeship Program.

These amendments will hold contractors and city departments accountable for hiring Detroiters and guarantee transparency. This will enhance city contract opportunities for Detroit businesses and residents that ensure community investment.

Despite the efforts that are being undertaken to interfere with my legislative duties, I will draft laws and work to advance solutions that enhance Detroit Jobs and Opportunities.

It is time! These are our dollars! INVEST IN DETROIT!

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